

AGENDA ITEM NO

F. No. 8-59/2014-FC

Sub: Diversion of 63.269 ha of reserved forest land for extension of Dewangna Hawai Patti in favour of department of Aviation UP in Chitrakoot District in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The State Government of Uttar Pradesh vide their letter No. 547/14-2-2014-800(37)/2014 dated 23.06.2014 submitted the above proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Proposal envisage extension of Dewangna Hawai Patti in favour of Department of Aviation, UP in Chitrakoot District in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Earlier the Regional Office of this Ministry at Lucknow has accorded approval for diversion of 4.976 ha and 3.24 ha for construction of Dewangan Hawai Patti on 4.02.2002. Subsequently, an area of 13.147 ha was accorded approval by the Regional Office on 13.03.2007 for the same project, which has been constructed and the extant proposal is extension of the same Airstrip.

The facts related to the proposal, as contained in the State Government letter dated 23.06.2014, are given below:

FACT SHEET

	Name of the Proposal	Diversion of 63.269 ha of reserved forest land for extension of Dewangna Hawai Patti in favour of department of Aviation UP in Chitrakoot District in the State of Uttar Pradesh
1.	Location (i) State (ii) District	Uttar Pradesh Chitrakoot
2.	Particulars of Forests: (i) Name of Forest Division and Forest area involved. (ii) Legal status/Sy.No. (iii)Map	Chitrakoot Forest Division 63.269 ha Protected Forests Land SOI Toposheets Pg-72/c Forest Cover Map Not enclosed Digital DGPS map Not enclosed 10 km radius map Not enclosed
3.	Topography of the area	-
4.	(i) Geology	-

	(ii) Vulnerability to erosion	The proposed area is not vulnerable to erosion.
5.	(i) Vegetation (ii) Density (iii) No. of trees to be felled	Sagon, Sheesham, Saal, Haldu, Mahua, Siras, Neem, Dho, Kardhai, Amaltas, Arjun, Seja, Khair, Semal, Chilbil, Koraiya etc. 0.4 15608 trees (Inclusive of all girth classes)
6.	Whether area is significant from wildlife point of view	Not Applicable
7.	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden	The proposed area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, etc.
8.	Whether any RET species of flora and fauna are found in the area. If so details thereof	No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna have been found/recorded in the area
9.	Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	Proposed area is part of the reserved forest land.
10.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area.	There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment in the proposed area.
11.	Whether any work of in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	No
12.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project, if no recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes, the requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
13.	Whether clearance under the Environment (protection) Act, 1986 is required?	No
14.	Compensatory Afforestation	Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over equivalent non-forest land.

15.	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for CA, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patches.	Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 63.269 ha in non-forest land in village Kotakandaila village as per survey nos detail furnished below: 1012/1 acreage 28.593 ha 2149/1 acreage 12.871 ha 2151/1 acreage 21.805 ha
	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for CA and adjoining forest boundaries.	Pg-83/c
	(iii) Detailed CA scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Pg-73-82/c (CA scheme with maintenance of 7 years has been enclosed.
	(iv) Total financial outlay for CA	Rs. 1,17,40,600/-
	(v) Certificate from the competent authority regarding suitability of the area identified for CA and from management point of view.	Pg-71/c
16.	Catchment Area Treatment	Not Applicable
17.	Rehabilitation of Ousteers	
18.	a) No of families involved b) Category of families c) Details of rehabilitation plan	No No No
19.	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been submitted by the State Government. (Pg-35/c). The Addl. District Collector, Thane has certified that complete process for settlement of rights has been carried out for Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (Pg 35-41/c). The District Collector, Chitrakoot has issued certificate dated 20.01.2014 (pg 35/c) certifying that complete process for settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been carried out and proposal was discussed in the meeting of

		concerned Gram Sabha maintaining the prescribed quorum. The Gram Sabha has given its consent and NOC issued to the project (pg 38-41/c). Examination of compliance report on Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 revealed it in accordance with the MoEF's Guidelines dated 3.08.2009.
20.	Cost Benefit Ratio	Pg- 22/c
21.	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 8,00,43,679/-
22.	Recommendation i. DFO ii. CCF iii. Nodal Officer iv. SG	Yes, Pg-12/c Yes, Pg-14/c Yes, Pg-15/c Yes, Pg-16/c
23.	District Profile (i) Total Geographical area of the district (ii) Total Forest area/Divisional Forest area (iii) Total area diverted since 1980 (iv) Total CA stipulated since 1980 a. Forest land b. Non Forest land (v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation c. Forest land d. Non Forest land	3408.01 Sq. Km. 74091.46 ha 18.755 ha (4 cases) ----- 26.153 ha ----- 26.153 ha

The project proponent has submitted undertaking to bear the cost of CA and NPV.

The State Government has recommended the proposal without any specific recommendation.

In view of the above, it is proposed that proposal may be submitted to the FAC for its consideration in its forthcoming meeting.
